

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

# Ward 1 Advisory Team Launch Meeting

January 28, 2019 7:00pm – 8:00pm

# Ward 1 Advisory Team Members

Name	Inviting Organization	Affiliations	Attendance
Jennifer Bristol	ANC 1B	Commissioner, ANC 1B, Team Co-Chair	Present
Joshua Mater	ANC 1B	Commissioner, ANC 1B08	Not present
Erica Wissolik	ANC 1B	Community representative	Present
Yuri Blazar	ANC 1B	Aria Development, community representative	Not Present
Jessica Venegas	ANC 1B	Community representative Not Present	
John Holmes	ANC 1B	LAYC	Present
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau	Councilmember's office	Ward 1 Councilmember	Not Present
Tania Jackson	Councilmember's office	Chief of Staff to Councilmember Nadeau	Not Present
Sara Akbar	Councilmember's office	Community representative, Clifton Condo Association	Not present
Ethan Ngo	Councilmember's office	Community representative, Clifton Condo Association	Not Present
Tim Frentz	Interagency Council on Homelessness	N Street Village	Not Present
Kristy Greenwalt	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Director, Interagency Council on Homelessness, Team Co-Chair	Present



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# **Additional Support Staff Present**

Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services	Policy Analyst
Jessica Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services	Policy Advisor
Jeff Licklider	Department of General Services	Project Manager
Rob Tate	Department of General Services	Project Manager
Dwayne Gentry	Department of Human Services	Project Managers
Ruben Foreman	Mayors Office of Community Relations and Services	Ward 1 Liaison
Ralph Cunningham	Cunningham Quill Architects	Design Team
Dan Waldo	GS	Building Firm

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Update on STFH projects
- 3. Building design update
- 4. Construction process update
- 5. Adjournment

#### **MINUTES**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Director Greenwalt led introductions and shared that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss material samples, review updated site renderings, and begin the conversation around construction management guidelines.

## **Update on STFH**



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Director Greenwalt shared an update on the status of the Short-term Family Housing District-wide. DC General closed once and for all in October, 2018. There are three short-term families sites are open and serving families in Wards 4, 7, and 8.

### **Building Design Updates**

Cunningham Quill architects shared a presentation of updated renderings of the site. These renderings now reflect the color choices that the Advisory Team selected at the last meeting, which includes a dark grey brick feature and fiber cement boxes in a very light grey color to create a speckled, neutral pattern. The windows will be a dark aluminum frame. Between windows there will also be access panels with a ribbed pattern to help produce more building articulation and definition.

The drawings presented show refinements to the design, particularly around the courtyard area which includes play zones and planted areas. These play zones include areas for toddlers and a central piece of play equipment shaped like a globe. A landscape architect has also begun to work on designs for plantings throughout the site.

The design team presented three new renderings which reflect where the design of the project currently stands from various angles. The design team also shared refined drawings of the street scape along 14<sup>th</sup> St NW. These include a generous area of planting between the sidewalk and the building. Trees will also be planted along 14<sup>th</sup> St. This new street scape will dramatically improve ADA access to the front door of the Rita Bright building, as well.

In follow up, DGS and the design team committed to looping in ANC 1B to additional conversations on the street scape and the community's need for crosswalks. The design team also committed to sharing updated renderings of the site with Commissioner Bristol.

*Question*: Some residents have expressed concerns about whether the building material will have a surface that magnifies noises?

<u>Answer</u>: The acoustic mat materials should help to dampen sounds, especially in the courtyard where soft materials will be used to protect children from falls during playtime.



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#### **Construction process update**

Next month, the Advisory Team meeting will be dedicated to developing Construction Process Guidelines. The scope of these guidelines pertain to the construction process, and is different that the Good Neighbor Protocol which will be established around how the program will operate in the community. This will be a time to discuss construction impacts on the community, and parameters around work hours on the site, traffic management, etc. Advisory Team members were provided a sample Construction Management Agreement to review over the next few weeks, to come prepared to discuss neighborhood priorities at the next meeting.

DGS also shared a construction timeline update. A construction to grade permit has been submitted for the site. Construction is projected to start at the end of April once a foundation to grade permit has been accepted. These dates are projections, and the construction schedule will continue to be refined.

DGS will come back prepared to share details about any road closures and access to the site.

#### **Future meetings**

The next Advisory Team meeting will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>.